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**06/15/09:** Congressman Kirk discusses his efforts to fight the rise of "Kush" in the suburbs, a new type of "super-marijuana" that is as expensive as crack cocaine. [Click here to view the video clip.](#)

## Kirk In the News...

6/16/2009: [Lawmakers offer 'practical' health reform plan](#)

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## Action Needed to Avoid a Recession

Dear Friends,

One of the most important issues facing the new Congress is the state of the economy. Wall Street analysts are divided over whether or not we could face a recession. We have bad news on the mortgage front, balanced by the best environment U.S. exporters have seen in years.

Many political leaders call for "rolling back the Bush tax cuts." If Congress approved such a policy, it would lead to one of the largest tax increases in history. Already, Governor Blagojevich approved an increase in suburban sales taxes on top of over a dozen new tax hikes by the Chicago City Council.

Taxpayers in our district face heavy tax burdens from local property taxes too. Cook County President Stroger also proposed a number of new taxes.

I oppose increasing these taxes, both at the national and local level. I led efforts to kill federal funding for the Bridge-to-Nowhere and the wasteful sugar program. The Congress should not raise taxes just as economic experts warn of economic uncertainty.

What do you think? Please take a moment to send me your views.

Please feel free to contact me at (847) 940-0202 or [www.house.gov/kirk](http://www.house.gov/kirk) if you have any questions or comments. It is an honor to represent you in Congress.

Very truly yours,

Sincerely,

Mark Kirk  
Member of Congress

With economic uncertainty ahead, what policies should Congress follow?

**Stop the expansion of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT). This policy would block the current law's planned expansion of Americans paying the AMT from four million to 20 million (reaching down to \$80,000 annual income).**

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**Extend the current tax relief. This policy would keep the Death Tax low, prevent a lowering of the Child Tax Credit and stop an increase in marginal rates/capital gains taxes.**

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**"Roll back the Bush tax cuts." This policy would lower the child tax credit, re-impose the 56 percent Death Tax and raise marginal/capital gains taxes on all taxpayers.**

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**Increase federal spending on the poor and boost the earned income tax credit while raising taxes on Americans making over \$100,000 per year.**

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